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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Thomas WEIMER) Group Art Unit: 1631
Serial No.: 09/833,675) Examiner: Cheyne Ly
Filed: April 13, 2001)
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed March 26, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for response of one month. Thus, the response is due by Monday, April 28, 2003, and is timely filed.

REMARKS

In the Office action, the Office asserts that pending claims 10-34 are directed to 2 allegedly separate and distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 10-25, drawn to a process for identifying one or more heterologous oligonucleotide sequences for use in amplifying a

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